

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DANIEL FUCHS**, on February 19, 2003 at 8 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Daniel Fuchs, Chairman (R)
Rep. Ronald Devlin, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)
Rep. Joe Balyeat (R)
Rep. Gary Branae (D)
Rep. Eileen J. Carney (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Larry Cyr (D)
Rep. Gary Forrester (D)
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Rep. Jim Peterson (R)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Karl Waitschies (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

Video-taped Committee: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society. THE TIME STAMP REPRESENTS ELAPSED TIME.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 627, 2/17/2003; HB 642,
2/17/2003
Executive Action: HB 616, DO PASS, 17-1
HB 627, DO PASS AS AMENDED, 18-0
HB 623, TABLED

HEARING ON HB 627

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

05:00 REP. LINDEEN, HD 7 -- **Short Title:** Revise property tax
sale law to allow certain private costs.

Proponents' Testimony:

07:00 Tammy Bolling, Deputy County Treasurer, Yellowstone
County

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

14:00

Closing by Sponsor:

18:00

HEARING ON HB 642

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

20:00 REP. DEVLIN, HD 3 -- **Short Title:** Track certain utility
expenses for ratemaking.

Proponents' Testimony:

22:00 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy
28:00 John Alke, Montana Dakota Utilities
32:00 Jeff Weiss, Montana Telecommunications Industry
Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

33:00

Closing by Sponsor:

44:00

8:45 a.m. Break

9:16 a.m. Resume

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 616

Motion/Vote: REP. LAMBERT moved that HB 616 DO PASS. Motion carried 17-1 with BALLEW voting no by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 623

Motion/Vote: REP. ERICKSON moved that HB 623 DO PASS. Motion failed 1-17 with ERICKSON voting aye by voice vote.

Motion/Vote: REP. FUCHS moved to REVERSE THE VOTE AND TABLE HB 623. Motion carried unanimously 18-0 by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 627

Motion: REP. ERICKSON moved that HB 627 DO PASS.

Motion/Vote: REP. ERICKSON moved that HB 627 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously 18-0 by voice vote.

Motion/Vote: REP. ERICKSON moved that HB 627 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously 18-0 by voice vote.

Motion/Vote: REP. FUCHS moved TO PLACE HB 627 ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR. Motion carried unanimously 18-0 by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:23 A.M.

REP. DANIEL FUCHS, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (tah37aad)